

Gem County Sheriff's Department






Voluntary Witness Statement

I, (print) Steven P. Coshill, on this date 9/22/20

Hereby give this true and accurate statement to the Gem County Sheriff's Department. I understand that making a false report is a crime.

I arrived on the Schill fire about 1830. While receiving an inbriefing, Operations Neiwert informed us of a SEAT (single engine air tanker) crash on Div A. I proceeded directly to the scene to assist. I arrived on scene at 1900. I began swapping out with other responders to provide chest compressions on an unconscious male pilot. While alternating, I assisted with exposing upper and lower limbs for IV/IO access. I then assisted to move the patient via backboard to the ridgetop where paramedics took over care. I then got out of the way to assist with scene control.

I have read this voluntary consisting of pages, and I do affirm that all facts and statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

		
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I, (print) Robert L. Hansen, on this date 9-22-20

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On 9-22-20 at 6:45 PM MST I witnessed a single engine air tanker attempt a retardant drop on the Skill fire in Gem County. His retardant never released. His angle seemed too steep and he then hit the ridge just to the southeast of me. He crashed and his momentum carried him to the next ridge to the east where his plane came to rest.

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I, (print)

Cody Weichers

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9/22/20

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Was working the south west side of schiller fire
watched a SEAT, dive as if to do a drop
into the valley below as he then was unable
to pull up and crashed into the ridge over
rolling over the hill out of site
at the point myself & one other crew member
hiked in to assist with patient care.

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I, (print) RICKY LEE, on this date Sept 22, 2020

Hereby give this true and accurate statement to the Gem County Sheriff's Department. I understand that making a false report is a crime.

I was constructing fireline on a ridge over when I heard the call of a seat hitting the ground. I then heard right after confirmation of the crash and I started to the area a ridge over. I with others were first down and the 2 medics went to work while I grabbed extinguisher out of UTU to put small fire out around plane. None of us were familiar with planes so it took a bit to figure out how to get individual out. Were needing to get him out due to fuel spill and flames around the area. Medics and other individual started compressions due to no pulse after pilot was pulled from crash. By then other advanced personal showed up and I stepped away.

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I, (print) Matt Van Zyl, on this date 09/22/20

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ARRIVED ON SCENE TO WITNESSING LIFE SAVING MEASURES.
BEING AN EMT I ASSISTED FIRST CARE. I THEN PROCEEDED
ENGAGE IN CHEST COMPRESSIONS FOR SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE
SWITCHING TO A DIFFERENT EMT. I THEN ASSISTED WITH ONLY
LIFE SAVING ACTION SUPERIOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED.
WE CONTINUED UNTIL PARAMEDICS FROM ST. LUKE'S DECLARED
THE PATIENT DEAD AT APPROXIMATELY 10:27. AFTERWARDS ME
AND FELLOW MEDICAL PERSONNEL PROCEEDED TO CLEAN UP THE
SCENE UNTIL RELEASED FROM SAID SCENE.

I have read this voluntary consisting of 7 pages, and I do affirm that all facts and statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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I, (print) Adam^M Miller, on this date 9/22/2020

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Plane came over the ridge and pushed into the gully, dropped retendant and began to pull up. Had too much downward momentum and couldn't clear the next ridge. Plane crashed into a steep section of the ridge and then bounced over top.

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I, (print) Hanson, Nicholas (S), on this date 9/22/20

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Approx 185 radio traffic increased announcing a SEAT crash, proceeded to call qualified medical personnel to crash site. As an AEMT I responded with basic medical equipment & a \leq collar, upon arrival patient was resuscitated & compressions started. I was tasked w/ establishing a line in the ^{Right} ~~left~~ AC, IV was no good. No lines established other IO in left Tibia which was down and a port line in Right humerus also an IO. I conducted all kinds of CPR before air med arrived and replaced me w/ a LVAS. I counted 4 rounds EPI, 300 amiodarone, BI lateral needle decompression, & an LMA. I found 2 shocks patient was in v-fib. Monitored patients pulse the rest of time until time of death was announced no pulse the entire of that time. Wallet, glasses, phone case & money found on patient after time of death. Helped clean wash up and tack boarded patient for transport. Covered body & reported to the doctor for witness statements

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I, (print) KNUTE C. SANDAHL, on this date 09/22/2020

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While engineering GCFD#1 Unit 844 in Division 2, I witness one of the single engine air tankers (SEAT) make its approach, consistent with previous approaches from other SEATS. As the aircraft cleared the top of the ridge we were working, the aircraft reduced altitude on the final approach. I commented to myself that he was awfully low. The aircraft did not drop retardant at the previous SEATS End retardant drop. The aircraft began to climb out of the drainage. I heard a brief sound of engine acceleration when the aircraft struck the top portion of the hill, similar to "pancaking". The aircraft then flipped over the hill where I lost site of it. This event took place while the aircraft was fly generally from West to East.

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I, (print) Michael Welch, on this date 09/22/2020

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I Michael Welch was assigned to Zuly command.
My crew was hit hot spots on the top of the ridge.
When a seat air craft was making retardant drops on the
South flank of the fire, I was video the drop when
the seat looked like it was going to make a drop, and
hit the west slope. At that time I radioed command
and was unable to reach it. I then sent Jared Herkes and
Cody Weichers to see if they could assist in anyway.
I also sent state eng 6 with there crew and equipment
to assist. As per chief Welch I forward the video that
I recorded earlier as per requested.

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